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GROUP 3600 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

- 2. This request is being submitted:
 - Payment of the issue fee

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98) Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

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FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) **\$1.** 967 947643 \$770.00 Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) \$0.00

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PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check No. 09974 is attached for the sum of \$770.00.

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INVENTORSHIP

 This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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